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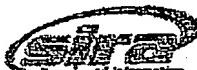
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AB - (US5903260)
Signal management control units 471-47n of respective scan drivers LSI in an LCD module are cascade-connected and each have the same construction. A detected signal of the signal management control unit 47J is a data signal latch clock LP applied to a terminal CKB1. A detected signal of the signal management control unit 472 is a frame start signal SP applied to a terminal CKB2. A detected signal of the signal management control unit 47n is an AC-transforming clock FR applied to a terminal CKBn. The signal management control unit 471 includes a signal stop detection circuit 48 serving as a signal

detection means for detecting a stop of the detected signal and a sequence processing circuit 51 consisting of a signal delay circuit 49 and a logic circuit 50. When stopping oscillations of, e. g., the frame start signal SP, outputs T1-Tn of the circuit 51 change to an L level. Hence, a display-off signal DF of the LCD module assumes the L level. A liquid crystal panel is forcibly set in a display-off mode. As a result, even if the frame start signal SP is stopped due to some cause, a liquid crystal application voltage is set down to zero. It is, therefore, possible to avoid a liquid crystal DC drive and prevent a deterioration of the liquid crystal.

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The present invention relates generally to a flat display such as liquid crystal display (LCD) and plasma display panels and also applied devices thereof, and more particularly, to a flat display device having such a configuration that a display body module and a display control unit for controlling the display are separately disposed as well as to a display body driving device.

Accordingly, it is an object of the present invention devised in light of the above-described problems to provide a flat display device and a display body driving device which are capable of preventing deterioration of display characteristics due to a DC drive of a display panel, this deterioration being derived from an abnormality of a signal supplied from a display control unit to a display body module unit.

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As a result, even if the frame start signal SP is stopped due to some cause, a liquid crystal application voltage is set down to zero.

Deterioration of the liquid crystal display panel 22 is caused which is more expensive than other parts and therefore difficult to exchange.

This is a serious problem to the display device based on visual recognizability.

ICLM

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1. A method of controlling a flat display unit comprising a flat display panel driven in accordance with display driving voltages, display driver means for selecting the display driving voltages supplied to the flat display panel and a display power source circuit for supplying the display driving voltages to the display driver means in response to a power control signal, the method of controlling the flat display unit comprising the steps of:

detecting a logic power voltage activating a logic circuit of the flat display unit by the display driver means;

supplying the power control signal from the display driver means to the power source circuit, said power control signal having a delay time after the detection of said logic power voltage;

supplying the display driving voltages to the display driver means in response to the power control signal by the power source circuit; and
selecting the display driving voltages supplied from the power source circuit to the flat display panel by the display driver means.

3. A method of controlling a flat display device comprising a flat display panel module unit and a display control unit for supplying control signals to control display of the flat display panel module unit, said flat display panel module unit including a flat display panel driven in accordance with display driving voltages, display driver means for selecting the display driving voltages to the flat display panel and a display power source circuit for supplying the display driving voltages to the display driver means in response to a power control signal, the method of controlling the flat display unit comprising the steps of:

supplying the power control signal to the power source circuit by the display driver means, the power control signal having a delay time after a logic power voltage has been supplied to a logic circuit of the flat display device; supplying the display driving voltages to the display driver means in response to the power control signal by the power source circuit; supplying a display start signal controlling a start of the selection of the display driving voltages by the display driver means in response to the control signal supplied from the display control unit, said display start signal having a delay time after the power control signal has supplied to the power source circuit; and selecting the display driving voltages supplied from the power source circuit to supply to the flat display panel in response to the display start signal.

5. A flat display unit comprising:

a flat display panel for being driven in accordance with display driving voltages; display driver means for selecting the display driving voltages supplied to said flat display panel, said display driver means comprising a logic circuit and a detection means for detecting a logic power voltage, activating said logic circuit and for supplying a power control signal having a delay time after the detection of the logic power voltage; and a display power source circuit for supplying the display driving voltages to said display driver means in response to the power control signal.

6. A flat display device comprising a flat display panel module unit and a display control unit for supplying control signals to control display of the flat display panel module unit,

said flat display panel module unit comprising:

- a flat display panel driven in accordance with display driving voltages;
- display driver means for selecting the display driving voltages supplied to said flat display panel and for supplying a power control signal having a delay time after a logic power voltage has been supplied to a logic circuit of said display driver means; and
- a display power source circuit for supplying the display driving voltages to said display driving means in response to the power control signal,
- wherein said display driver means starts the selection of the display driving voltages in response to a display start signal having a delay time after the power control signal has supplied to said power source circuit.

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